

THE KEYTESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRESS, 1921-'22

A Short Resume of the Great Work Being Accomplished by Students and the Faculty

TAX COMMISSION IGNORES PLEAS OF FARMERS

Recommends Increase of Millions in Assessment of Farm Lands

140 PER CENT HIKE

Two Democratic Counties Are Given Worst Treatment by Body

The assessment of farm lands for 1922 taxes will be increased many millions of dollars in 35 counties over the returns of the county assessors, if the recommendations of the state tax commission are accepted by the state board of equalization.

The assessments of all farm lands were raised to an abnormal figure last year by the state board of equalization, forcing every farmer to pay higher taxes under the first year of the administration of Governor Hyde.

As a result of these burdensome taxes the assessors valued the land for 1922 taxes at what they believed were conservative figures.

Notwithstanding the storm of protest throughout the state against high taxes of the Hyde administration the tax commission recommended increases ranging from 5 to 140 per cent in the assessment of farm lands in its report to the board of equalization.

It is generally believed that the recommendations will be accepted by the board because the governor controls the two Republican members of the tax commission. Roy Monier of Carrollton and George Hogue of St. Louis. Although the law provides for a Democratic member on the commission, the governor has neglected to appoint one since the state senate refused last November to confirm the appointment of A. L. McCawley of Carthage. In making its report the members of the commission did the bidding of Governor Hyde.

An analysis of the report of the commission shows that Cass and Vernon counties, which are regarded as Democratic, received the worst treatment at the hands of the commission. Large increases in the assessment of all classes of property were recommended by the commission for both counties. An increase of 140 per cent in the assessment of farm lands of Vernon county was recommended.

Abnormal increases, which will mean correspondingly higher taxes for the farmers, were recommended in the assessment of farm lands of Boone, Callaway, Johnson, Lincoln, Macon, Monroe, Ralls, Ray, Scott, Shannon, Stoddard and Wayne counties.

Chariton County figures are as follows: Return of assessors on farm lands, \$25,668,685; per cent added by Commission, 5; amount added, \$1,283,434; assessment of farm lands fixed by the commission, \$26,952,119.

The board of equalization for this county meets here the 3rd of April. It is hoped that they will not do what they did last year when they were in session. They increased the taxes for Keytesville township 250%.

\$175,000 IN BONDS STOLEN FROM U. S. TREASURY

Washington, D. C.—Secret service agents today recovered \$175,000 in Liberty bonds, stolen from the United States Treasury, and arrested two men charged with committing the theft.

The men under arrest are Charles A. Clevenger, 25 years old, a clerk in the bond department of the Treasury, and U. O. Wamsley, an organizer for a fraternal organization, who was arrested in Charlottesville, Va.

The bonds were recovered in the attic of Clevenger's home at 516 Rhode Island avenue, N. W.

According to Secret Service operatives, Clevenger confessed the theft.

While the arrest of the two men it became known that the bonds were stolen two months ago. They were in negotiable form, and Secret Service operatives decided to "lay low" until an attempt was made to cash them.

Clevenger is married and has one child.

The family of Walter Wright were all sick in bed at the same time the last week. They were all better the first of this week except the Circuit Clerk, who is improving slowly.

There seems to be a well defined under current flowing hereabouts that the call for the school election embodies, among other things a raise of taxation pertaining to school finances. The fact of the matter is just this, when the election has been held and the tabulation shows that the matter has been carried, the taxes for the coming year will be exactly the same. The law calls for the wording contained in the election call, but the call provides simply for a continuation of the tax rate paid this past year.

The Courier takes particular pleasure in doing a little boosting for the Keytesville schools this week. If there is one thing we delight to do it is to tell of the progress of the young women and men of tomorrow.

The Keytesville school has made wonderful progress this year, and the following tells a little of the work. There are some few parents who have kept abreast of the year's work; there is a woefully small list of school visitors for the year 1921-'22, and the Courier hopes that those who judge the school by the progress their own children have made, will take time to read the little history-ette of progress up to now:

Music

The music department has done some work along both vocal and instrumental lines. About 43 students first joined the chorus, but a few have dropped by the wayside for various reasons. Still 35 are working away, trying to achieve musical continuity from different degrees of musical ability. Special work has been done with quartettes, trios, and duets.

The orchestra has added several members to their number. They are working to become more efficient and to increase the ability of each member.

Both departments have stood ready to serve the community at any time they could.

Girls' Basket Ball Team

The Girls' Basket Ball team was organized soon after the opening of school last fall and was composed of the following girls, with Miss Hutcherson as coach.

Mary Gordon, captain, Dorothy Richardson, Mary Bennett, Alla Mae Latham, Irene Carter, Frances Wood, Lola May Nix, Marguerite Bunton. Of this number four were on the championship team of the previous year.

For this reason the team had every hope of a second championship. They were successful in winning each and every game until they met Brunswick high school for the last game of the season. This they lost thereby allowing the championship to be carried off by our neighboring school. The girls played good, clean basket ball during the entire season and although they could not quite attain the desired goal, they were good sports and played fair to the last and have every right to be proud of their year's record.

The Debating Team

Debating needs no apology. It is a fine thing to be able to outpoint your rivals in athletics, it is no less fine to outpoint him intellectually on the platform. Realizing that one of the most essential arts in everyday life is to be able to speak in public, an effort was made early in the season to organize a debating club. The organization was made on September 27, at which time Dorothy Richardson was elected president and Preston Richards secretary and treasurer of the club.

The club held its first regular meeting the first of October, at which time Miss Moss, who had charge of the organization, talked on the essentials of debating. She impressed the twelve club members with the fact that to debate successfully requires a good stock of general information, some definite knowledge of history and economics, patience, hard work, constant practice in speaking and stick-to-itiveness.

The club met weekly through the fall season. At each meeting, one or two debates were held. Upon the realization that the club contained some good material, Keytesville High School added her name to the state debating league. This league is composed of all high schools of the state who meet certain requirements. The state is divided into four districts. Keytesville fell in the north-east district, which boasted thirty six schools in the league. Keytesville met her first opponent, Salisbury, on Dec. 2, at Keytesville. The question under consideration was "Resolved that the principle of the Closed Shop should prevail in American Industry." The affirmative of this question was upheld by Dorothy Richardson and Alla Mae Latham, who were chosen to represent the school. The fight was hard, because the girls were inexperienced.

But a short wait up from the entire student body when the decision was made in favor of the Keytesville girls. The second contest was held at the Methodist church on Dec. 2. The opposing team was from Marcelina. This battle was much harder to win than the first, but to the joy of all, the girls again won a victory. K. H. S. was not represented in the third series because she drew the odd number—since there were only nine schools left. The fourth debate was held at Huntsville on Feb. 12. The debate was won by Huntsville. The Keytesville girls fought a good fight to the end. Thus closed the debates for this season.

The school feels proud of the two girls who won honors not only for themselves, but for their school. They worked hard and manifested the true K. H. S. spirit throughout the fight. Miss Moss hopes that the results accomplished this year will prove an incentive to better and greater things in debate next year. The results are further than victory; the club members have received valuable information and training. The coach and members of the club desire to express their appreciation of the support given by the patrons. Their presence is always a help. They bespeak your hearty support of next year's debating club.

Make Keytesville High School the champion in 1923!

Dramatic Club

The Dramatic Club was organized in October of the present school year with Miss Hutcherson as coach. The at all. We hope that in the future everyone a chance to cultivate or develop dramatic talent.

Meetings were held once every two weeks, at which time various members furnished the program which consisted of short plays, serious and humorous readings and music. In this way each student was better able to determine what type of

dramatic work was best suited to him.

In January the cast for "Safety First" a three-act comedy, was picked from the club, and included the following people:

Anna Blair Miller, Mable Montgomery; Marvin Taylor, Jack Montgomery, her husband; Ben Woods, Jerry Arnold; Mary Gordon, Virginia Budger, his fiancée; Ruth Crawford, Zulieka, a Turkish Maid; Virginia Allegra, Mary Ann Sewant; Joe Mason Hansman, Elmer Flannel; John Garbett, Abou Ben Mocha, Zulieka's father.

The Dramatic club has been a means of a valuable training for the students and has also better prepared them for taking part in the Literary contests which are to be held here during the annual track meet.

Physical Examinations

During the month of January the four city physicians, our dentist, and Miss Barney, the efficient Red Cross nurse assisted by Dr. Reed and nurse of the Kirksville State Teachers College, found time to give the 2nd annual physical examinations to the students of the Keytesville Public Schools. This took the greater part of three days. This is quite a long period for the men to give free of charge to the schools, but each did it with a willingness that marks Keytesville as one of the leading schools of the country for co-operation of its patrons for the good of the school.

Some things that the examinations revealed were: 30 cases of wax in the ears, which were removed by the various physicians; 32 cases of tonsil trouble that need treatment or removal; a number of glasses to be fitted; a few cases of skin eruptions; many bad teeth; some needed baths very badly, and still others were under weight. All recommendations were looked after by Miss Barney, and she reports that in almost every case the parents were very glad to

To the Voters of the Second District

After correspondence with many people, both men and women, I have concluded to follow their advice and announce my candidacy for nomination for Representative in Congress at the approaching primary election.

As a guarantee of the kind of service I shall render, if again entrusted, I point to my record, which has not been and will not be assailed. If my record meets your approval you indulge in no experiment in voting for me. I have kept the faith politically; supported all administration policies during President Wilson's term of office; have responded to the will of my constituents, whether of men or of women, whenever their will was expressed or known to me; gave cordial and hearty support to every war measure calculated to hasten the close of the great World War in victory, and crown our valiant soldier boys with imperishable glory; did everything in my power to alleviate the pangs of anguish felt by fathers, mothers, wives and sisters while their loved ones were following the flag in far away lands; have felt and still feel a personal interest in the welfare of every ex-service man, particularly in those who suffer from injuries or diseases of service origin, and have diligently sought to secure for both classes every benefit provided by law; have been zealous and untiring in my efforts to secure speedy and satisfactory adjustment of all claims presented by the dependents of heroic boys who paid the supreme penalty, and, in brief, I have responded promptly and courteously to every letter received by me, and to the best of my ability, faithfully and efficiently discharged all the varied duties pertaining to the office you have commissioned me to hold.

Upon my record I ask the support of all men and women in the Second District who are satisfied with the service I have rendered. I shall willingly abide by your decision on August 1st, and whatever your verdict may be, I will always retain a feeling of deepest gratitude for the great confidence you have so generously reposed in me.

Very respectfully,

W. W. RUCKER.

Dated at Washington, D. C., March 23, 1922.

WHAT A FEW OF THE EDITORS ARE SAYING

Sad, But True

Harding, in an interview this week stated he felt as if he had been president 20 years. There are any number in this country who are somewhat sorry that he has been president even for 20 minutes.—Hardin News.

Expensive in Every Way

Newspapers report that the expense account of Hyde, as governor

of Missouri, is the largest in the history of the state, for the same length of time. It is \$3,000 higher than that of Gardner in 1919 when merchandise of all kinds was at the peak.—Eminence Current-Wave.

Collector Showed 'Em

If Gov. Hyde still adheres to his statement that "the man who says taxes this year are higher than they were last, is a liar" he is invited to

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co-operate for the correction of the child's defects.

This is only a start, but the good results from this examination can not be measured in dollars and cents as it touched the life of every student. There were many who needed nothing at all. We hope that in the future there will be more of this group until we have a school where all the students are as good physically as they can be made.

Home Economics Department

The Home Economics Class this year is composed of nine Freshmen girls. Of this number only a few had had any previous experience in cooking, or had never used a sewing machine. None of the girls had ever made their own wearing apparel and one had never worn a dress that had not been purchased "ready-made."

In the cooking class the following outlined course has been covered:

I. General study of classification of food stuffs, their food value and their place in the diet.

II. Detailed study of each food inclusive.

a. Theoretical work.
b. Principles involved in cooking.
c. Practical problems.

III. Menu: Planning and serving a meal.

a. Theoretical work.
b. Practical application.
1. Luncheons, dinners.

IV. Nutrition.

1. Normal nutrition.
a. Infant feeding.
b. Menus and dietaries.

2. Abnormal diet.
1. Diet in disease.
2. Under and overfed children.

V. Household problems and management.

a. House plans.
b. Sanitation in the home.
c. Household processes.
d. Division of income.
e. Time schedule.
f. Servant problem.

As a fitting close for the year's work the class plans to serve at least one banquet and perhaps several informal luncheons in order to make their serving lessons more vital and more practical and to demonstrate the principles learned during the year.

In sewing class the following course has been covered:

I. General study of stitches, seams and bindings.

II. Construction of the following garments, including a study of materials used, designs involved and their suitability and durability:

a. Nightdress.
b. Teddybears.
c. Petticoat.
d. Bloomers.
e. Bungalow aprons.
f. Middy.
g. Hand problems (Christmas gifts).
h. Gingham dress.
i. Summer dress of organdie or voile.

The girls are very proud of their handiwork, and it has been exhibited from time to time during the year in one of the store windows.

English

There are three objectives in teaching English. First, the teacher attempts to lead the students into an appreciation not only of the accepted masterpieces, but also of the good things that are written and said today. Each of the four English classes will have read four works of acknowledged merit, before the nine months closes. Second, there are a few rules concerning the mechanical phase of writing that have been kept in the limelight; and there seems to be no reason why any Keytesville High School student should forget the right use of commas and semicolons. Of course, the improvement of writing in every way is encouraged. Third, the need of American citizens being able to present his ideas in public before his fellow citizens, has not been overlooked. The Freshmen has stood their class to tell stories, read and talk. The sophomores worked out their idea of Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" and presented it for the consideration of their friends. The juniors and seniors wrote, memorized, and delivered, before the students assembled, a semester theme.

SATURDAY SALES DAY A GREAT SUCCESS

The Keytesville merchants have doing quite a few things during the past month or so and one of these is the inauguration of the Saturday Sales day, and as predicted by the Courier they are attracting many people to the city who would otherwise go elsewhere to do their trading.

Last Saturday the roads were so bad and the day so threatening it was thought that many people from the rural districts would not dare to come to town. Contrary to expectations, however, the town had a good sized crowd out and the merchants realized that it pays to make a bid for business.

The merchants put on these sales every week and furthermore they advertise them on a whole page of the Courier, and those who are looking for bargains should not fail to read their announcements—it pays.

Last week one man sold over 20,000 pounds of sugar at \$6.30 per hundred lbs., which is the lowest price quoted anywhere in the county. Mayor Arrington advertised a pail at the ridiculously low price of 19 cents, and before noon he was almost cleaned out, and he wondered if people wanted pails at 19 cents. He's another who is a booster for the Saturday sales day proposition.

Chapman had to get up before breakfast to make good on his ad and had a harness sold before the Courier force got started to work and that's going some, too. Blair Miller and Levy and Warner White had their hands full taking care of trade and Bob Halley sent out an s. o. s. call for extra help. All the other business houses who put on their specials report a good business and had the roads been in a better condition so that the farmers living at a distance could have driven to town in their automobiles there would have been a record breaking bunch of bargain hunters on hand.

KIRKSVILLE RETURNED WINNERS AT HUNTSVILLE

The Kirksville debating team met the Huntsville debaters at Huntsville last Friday night, and when the judges had turned in their votes it was discovered that the Huntsville team had lost by a unanimous decision.

The Huntsville team was composed of Miss Halliburton and Hubert Harris, the same who recently defeated the Keytesville High School, and the Kirksville school was represented by Miss Corine Conner and Willie Ziegler. The debate was spirited and interesting from all angles and it is said that the hardest losers were the home rooters.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school 9:45, lead by Supt. A. C. Drace. Morning worship, 11 a. m., subject, "Bearing the Light." Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.

On account of the inclement weather last Sunday evening we didn't preach on the subject of "Getting Married," we begged pardon and purposed to preach on this subject this coming Sunday evening. I thought that we should have a more favorable evening so that as many as possible would be out. Young man, young girl, come.

O. L. HUNT, Pastor.

EXCUSE OUR BLUSHES PLEASE

Brookfield, Mo., Mar. 15.—The Chariton Courier, Keytesville, Mo. Gentlemen. Please find enclosed check for advertising in your paper for the month of February. If results from all ads were as great as received from the Courier advertising, we would have to trouble our force to take care of the business. Will send you a change for next week. We are, yours truly, J. B. Keithly Imp. Co.

Sold over \$800, less than 2 per cent for advertising, possibly that amount more will come in later, so the results are fine.